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SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from "Weisswasser"EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 23 October 1951REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COPY

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1. The military quarters at the Weisswasser troop training grounds were occupied to capacity between 12 and 25 September 1951. The soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, with about 25 percent of them wearing tank insignia, about 20 percent artillery insignia, about 5 percent motor transport insignia and about 5 percent signal insignia. Practice firing from tanks was heard from the tank training site. Only small units were engaged in routine training activities.

2. Three T-34/85 tanks were unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station on 17 September and moved toward Camp Nochten. About 150 troops, 6 AT guns and 20 to 25 trucks were entrained at the Weisswasser railroad station on 18 September. Ten of the trucks were loaded with ammunition boxes. The unit had come from Camp Nochten. A newly painted tank was unloaded at the Weisswasser railroad station the same day. Forty Russian women arrived at Weisswasser from the direction of Cottbus on 22 September and were subsequently driven to the camp on truck *

3. No major exercises were conducted by Soviet troops in the Weisswasser training area on 25 September. About 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at practice firing with rifles in the northern part of the fenced-in camp. Four platoons, each of about 35 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with one model 1937 82-mm mortar, marched along the Weisswasser-Boxberg road. Six 76.2-mm AA guns were lined up at the troop training grounds. Motor vehicles were seen driving to the camp.

 the fields there had to be harvested by 2 October and would then be off limits until 15 October.

4. A convoy of about 35 armored vehicles, including T-34 tanks and JS SP guns, and about 50 trucks occupied by troops and towing AT guns and artillery pieces of about 120-mm, was seen leaving Camp Nochten toward Neustadt at about 8 a.m. on 11 September. The

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convoy returned to the camp at about 2 p.m. on 13 September. ***

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at Weisswasser until 25 September 1951. 50X1-HUM

*** [REDACTED] Comment. The observations indicate that exercises at regimental level have been conducted in September 1951, that the troops conducted large-scale exercises outside the troop training grounds toward the posts during the first half of October 1951, and that the units were expected to return to their quarters about 20 October 1951.

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